World Summit on the Information Society

RIR activities 2003-2005
WSIS – So Far…

• Involvement since early 2003
• Visited various PrepComs and intersessionals over the year
• During September PrepCom teamed up with
  – International Chamber of Commerce’s “Co-ordinating Committee of Business Interlocutors”, representing Business at PrepComs
  – Internet Society
  – CENTR
  – Contacts with Civil Society representatives
• RIRs represented at Geneva summit
WSIS – Tentative Assessment

• We focus on “Internet Management”
• Outcome could have been worse
• Two year break until Tunis to examine the issues
• What are the driving factors?
  – Governments wanting to assert crucial resources?
  – ITU looking for a New Life?
  – Countering perceived American influence?
WSIS – What now?

• This is important, and has the potential to upset long operating, stable processes.
• We must participate.
• We cannot drive this alone, need partners!
• We need YOU!
  – Become active locally
  – Counter false perceptions
  – Influence and support your governments
  – Inform us of local issues
WSIS – 2004

• Continue to co-ordinate with ISOC and the ICC
• Attended the February ITU workshop in Geneva
• Participated in UN-ICT Task Force meeting in New York, March
• Ensure recognised presence during pre-Tunis phase
• PR: Use Information Services activities to counter common misinformation.
  – Again…
  – And again…
Should we be doing this?
Questions and Answers